

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Victoria Elena Aguayo Schupbach.

Information: Bureau staff obtained additional information from Applicant regarding her volunteer work with the City of Arcadia. Applicant tutored a student from first grade through second grade at an elementary school in Arcadia, but no longer does that. She also assisted the Arcadia School District's Latino Family Outreach Coordinator at the Arcadia Public Library. As part of this program, Latino families congregated at the library on Monday nights, and. Applicant helped the families to complete forms and gave the children assistance with their homework.

Additionally, Applicant volunteered with the Adult English Conversation Class at the Arcadia Public Library. Applicant stated that she discovered the program's materials were in English and Chinese and therefore were not helpful to other groups. Applicant assisted the program leader with developing materials to excite people about becoming tutors. She prepared a fact sheet, led meetings to motivate the tutors, and gave the tutors tips on how to be more effective. To create a more diverse complement of students, Applicant began a series of meetings with student leaders (adults who did well in the classes) and tutors to brainstorm about how to get more Latinos to enroll in the class. Since the class was open to residents of a large area, and students came from different communities, Applicant felt the class diversity did not match Arcadia's ethnic mix. However, due to space constraints, the program did not "get off the ground." Applicant said that she is tutoring adults because she understands the immigrant experience of not knowing the language. Her students tell her about the impatience of others when the students don't understand or can't speak English. Applicant knows it is not easy to learn a new language and empathizes with her students. Applicant stated the students should learn English and wants to help make it easier for them to do this

Staff contacted David Sickler, the author of one of Applicant's letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be relevant. Mr. Sickler confirmed the information in the letter and added that Applicant was well respected by both employers and unions in her role as National Labor Relations Board Regional Director. Mr. Sickler stated the unions represented a cross-section of society and Applicant was able to work with everyone. Mr. Sickler was most impressed with Applicant's fairness and non-judgmental manner.

Recommendation: None.

Name and title of person submitting response: Steven Benito Russo, Chief of Investigations.

Report Date: August 25, 2010.